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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. LEADERS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS  
AND PARTIES FROM 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL, MEETING

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IN STOCKHOLM AUGUST 2, AGREED TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE

TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM" IN PORTUGAL, SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME WAS NAMED TO ORGANIZE THE COMMITTEE. THE CONFERENCE ALSO AGREED TO OPPOSE EFFORTS OF CERTAIN ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED STATES TO OUST OR SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. END OF SUMMARY.

2. TWENTY-FIVE LEADERS OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS AND PARTIES FROM 12 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL MET IN STOCKHOLM AUGUST 2 AT THE INVITATION OF SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME, TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AS WELL AS EFFORTS OF CERTAIN ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO OUST OR SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO FORM A COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PALME WHICH WILL WORK OUT AN "ACTION" PROGRAM. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE NOT ANNOUNCED, AND PALME TOLD THE PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT THE DETAILS OF THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRAM HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE, HE SAID, IS TO DEMONSTRATE THE SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES FOR SOARES "IN HIS FIGHT FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN PORTUGAL." HOWEVER, PALME ADDED, ALTHOUGH THE SOCIALIST PARTY IS THE "STRONGEST PUBLIC ELEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, WE HAVE NOT BROKEN OFF RELATIONS WITH OTHER GROUPS (IN PORTUGAL) NOR WITH THE MILITARY."

3. SPEAKING TO CORRESPONDENTS AFTER THE MEETING, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON TOOK A PESSIMISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. ASKED WHETHER HIS TALKS IN HELSINKI WITH PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES MADE HIM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, WILSON REPLIED WITH A CURT "NO," ADDING THAT "WE (HE AND OTHER WESTERN LEADERS) GAVE HIM (GOMES) SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT." WILSON ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE EC COUNTRIES WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO EXTEND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL UNDER AUTHORITARIAN RULE, ASSERTING, "AS LONG AS PORTUGAL FAILS TO GIVE EVIDENCE OF A QUICK RETURN TO A PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY, WE SHALL BE VERY CAUTIOUS WITH OUR AID."

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4. WILSON'S COMMENTS CONTRASTED WITH THOSE OF SOARES, WHO REPORTEDLY APPEALED TO THE CONFERENCE FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY, ASSISTANCE WHICH SOARES ASSERTED, MUST BE GIVEN WITHOUT CONDITIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SOARES' VIEWS OF THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN PORTUGAL WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN THOSE HELD BY WILSON AND GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

5. THE SOCIALIST LEADERS EXPRESSED UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION TO ARAB-SPONSORED EFFORTS TO OUST ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. PRIME MINISTER PALME SAID THE LEADERS "ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THIS (THE PROPOSED EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM U.N.) WOULD CONFLICT GRAVELY WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE U.N. CHARTER." ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN TOLD THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE WAS "SATISFIED" WITH THE SUPPORT ISRAEL HAD RECEIVED ON THIS ISSUE FROM THE CONFERENCE.

6. COMMENT: THE STOCKHOLM MEETING OF SOCIALIST LEADERS COULD BE OF LASTING SIGNIFICANCE IF IT RESULTS IN A MORE "ACTIVIST" PROGRAM OF SUPPORT BY THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES FOR THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS IN THEIR CURRENT STRUGGLE FOR POWER WITH THE LEFT. AS I EXPRESSED THE HOPE EARLIER (REF C), RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL MAY SERVE TO PERSUADE THE EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS, INCLUDING THE SWEDES, TO TAKE A HARDER LOOK AT THE REALITIES OF THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION. THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE APPEARS TO REFLECT THIS GREATER REALISM ON THE PART OF MR. PALME AND HIS SOCIALIST COLLEAGUES.  
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